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Applicant(s): Chadwick M. Meyer, et al. )  
Group Art Unit: 3624 )  
Examiner: Lalita M. Hamilton )  
Title: System for Allocating )  
Funds in a Plurality )  
of Stock Portfolios )  
Attorney Docket: 71292-0001 )

**REQUEST FOR TWO-MONTH  
EXTENSION OF TIME; and  
AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2004, for which the three-month shortened-statutory period for response was set to expire on August 20, 2004, Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) to file this Amendment and Response and enclose a check in the amount of \$215.00 to cover the appropriate fee. Applicants request amendment of the above-identified application as follows and consideration of the remarks set forth below:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.